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Top AASHTO Officials Respond to the Release of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission Report

“The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission has put forth some bold and groundbreaking concepts to deliver on the promise of mobility for this and future generations.” says Pete Rahn, President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Today, at a news conference in Washington, D.C. the Commission released its report titled “*Transportation for Tomorrow.*” Rahn said AASHTO supports the Commission’s insistence that:

- there must be a strong federal role and support for a national transportation system;
- there must be a significant increase in investment to preserve our system and modernize it for the future; and
- the user fee concept is an essential element in providing that revenue support.

AASHTO Executive Director John Horsley said “I commend the 12-members of the Commission for their devotion and the countless hours they spent gathering the

perspectives of transportation users and providers from around the country.” “I am also gratified that much of the information and many of the recommendations provided by AASHTO are reflected in this report.” Horsley said.

The Commission’s report calls for fundamental reform of the federal transportation program – to restore public confidence and it offers mechanisms to ensure that federal spending is focused on genuine national interests. “Some of the recommendations in this report will be considered controversial, but clearly the ideas presented will help to stimulate the national debate we must have if we are to chart a course for a transportation network equal to the demands of the 21st Century.” Rahn said.

The Commission’s report is available at the following web site:

www.transportationfortomorrow.org

AASHTO prepared a series of reports on key transportation issues such as investment needs, revenue options, and accelerating project delivery. To access this helpful information got to www.transportationfuture.org